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THE NEW RASPBERRY "BLACK PEARL"



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HOLSINGER BROTHERS

ROSEDALE, KANSAS

Notice The Excellent Qualifications Of

“BLACK PEARL”

As A Commercial Raspberry

As large as Cumberland. Ten days earlier. Free from blight.

Splendid in quality. Black as jet. Firm and never crumbles.

Has never winter killed. Ironclad in hardiness.

A vigorous, healthy grower. Makes strong canes and many fruit buds.

A heavy cropper and a good shipper.

Worth more, crate for crate, than any other.

A distinct variety of Black Raspberry, and conceded by all who have seen it to be

ABSOLUTELY THE BEST.

This berry originated in Western Missouri, and after careful testing for at least 9 years, half of that time under our observation, it is now offered to the public.

When grown near Kansas, Cumberland and Gregg, **BLACK PEARL** makes a much better growth than any of the others.

At fruiting it is earlier than Kansas, produces more fruit than any other of these varieties, and shows no sign of crumbling.

It has never yet winter killed, and suffered very little under the extreme drouth of the past year.

The berries are large, numerous and jet black. The yield of **BLACK PEARL** is heavier than the other varieties, and sells on the market for from 35 cents to 50 cents more per crate than any of the other varieties.

On June 14th, 1911, we sent sample fruit spurs of **BLACK PEARL** and Cumberland to Mr. G. B. Brackett, pomologist in the U. S. Department of Agriculture at Washington, D. C. We print his entire letter herewith, which speaks for him:

THE BLACK PEARL RASPBERRY—*The Very Best of all*

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

Bureau of Plant Industry.

Pomological Collections.

Washington, D. C., June 17, 1911.

Messrs. Holsinger Bros.,

Rosedale, Kansas.

Gentlemen:

Your courteous favor of June 14th is just to hand and also the specimens of Black Pearl raspberry. This berry greatly resembles Kansas, as you state, but seems to be much firmer and therefore a much better shipper and keeper, I should judge.

In comparison with the Cumberland which you send, which I judge to be also under size on account of the weather conditions, I consider your new seedling an improvement on the Cumberland. The berry is larger in size than the Cumberland and is slightly more juicy. But before giving a final decision in the matter I would rather see specimens another season, when grown under more favorable conditions.

Thanking you for the opportunity of examining this berry, and hoping to hear from you in future in regard to any promising new fruits worthy of attention, I am,

Yours very truly,

G. B. BRACKETT,,
Pomologist.

Holsinger Bros.,

Rosedale, Kans.

Gentlemen: I have the pleasure of reporting as follows on yield and general condition of raspberry plants:

During the past season the comparative yield was about as follows:

Black Pearl	175 crates per acre.
Cumberland	85 crates per acre.
Gregg	45 crates per acre.

The season was against us, and the yield cut down greatly on all varieties, but the Black Pearl matured much better than the other sorts, holding up well in size, while Cumberland and Gregg dried up on the bushes.

Black Pearl is much more resistant and in dry weather does not show the effects of lack of moisture as do the other varieties.

I received an average throughout the season of \$2.50 per crate from

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the shippers, and as we began earlier with Black Pearl, receiving \$4.00 for the first, the net returns per acre were far in excess of the returns from either of the other sorts.

At the present writing the wood of Black Pearl is in fine condition, very clear, and the laterals the cleanest I have ever seen.

C. F. SCHWEIZER.

Holsinger Bros.,
Rosedale, Kansas.

Gentlemen:

Dry weather the past season cut down the yield materially on all raspberries, but the Black Pearl ripened all its fruit and held up in size well, while Cumberland and Gregg dried up and could not be picked.

On my oldest patch, eight years old, marketed 100 crates per acre; Gregg, practically nothing. The wood of Black Pearl is now in fine shape, notwithstanding the poor season.

HERMAN KRUMREI.

To Whom It May Concern:

Last spring I had the pleasure of observing some of the fruit of the Black Pearl raspberry, which is being introduced by Holsinger Bros., and later observing the plants of this variety in the field.

The fruit is highly attractive in appearance; larger in size than the usual varieties of this vicinity, such as Cumberland, Gregg and Kansas. It is black and shiny, containing less bloom than some other kinds, and in addition the fruit is very juicy.

The plants are strong growers, producing well branched canes, and carrying an abundance of foliage. It has every indication of being a splendid addition to the small list of good commercial black raspberries.

Yours truly,

E. H. FAVOR,

Associate Editor The Fruit-Grower.

	Postpaid. Each,	Postpaid. Dozen,	Not Prep'd. 100, Express	Not Prep'd. 1000
Black Pearl Tips	\$0.25	\$1.50	\$ 6.00	\$30.00
Black Pearl Transplants35	2.00	10.00	40.00